

restriction requirement were not required. This is especially true as applied to Claims in Group I and II since numerous patents including U.S. Patent Nos. 6,372,848 and 6,261,655 have been issued with claims directed to two layer and multi-layer tubing/films. Accordingly, Applicants request a withdrawal of this requirement.

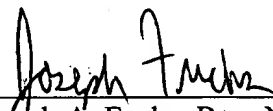
In view of the above argument, Applicants would prefer to elect claims 1-40 with traverse for prosecution. However, in the event that the Examiner rejects the above argument and maintains the restriction requirement, Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute claims 1-18 with traverse. In addition, Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the following species with traverse: a) propylene copolymers, b) ultra-low density polyethylene, c) polyamides, d) dimer fatty acid polyamide, e) SEBS, f) SEBS, g) anhydrides of carboxylic acid, h) SEBS, i) SEBS copolymer, j) SEBS, k) SEBS triblock copolymer, l) metallocene, m) polypropylene, n) polypropylene ethylene copolymers, o) polypropylene ethylene copolymers, and p) polypropylene ethylene copolymers.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants submit the claims are in condition for allowance and request an early notice of the same.

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